

Planning and Sustainability Commission Members:

I am very concerned that strategies and direction is being put in place that jeopardizes our area's wildlife and natural areas. Portland is a leader in environmental considerations, and that must not change. Industrial developers will always push to weaken environmental efforts for short term gain. They will utilize employment as the justification. However, long term it is the livability of a city through its natural areas and access to wildlife that brings companies that hire to an area.

I recommend that you perform the following:

- 1) I support the Audubon Strategy for Addressing Industrial Land Demand found: [audubonportland.org/files/urban/11-point-plan/](http://audubonportland.org/files/urban/11-point-plan/)
- 2) It is unacceptable to destroy critical natural areas and openspace on West Hayden Island and along the Columbia Slough in the name of finding more industrial land. The city should focus on cleaning up brownfields and intensification of existing industrial lands, not destruction of openspace and natural areas.
- 3) It is unacceptable to restrict the city's ability to place environmental regulations on riverside industrial lands – some of our most important and degraded fish and wildlife habitat;
- 4) The city should focus on cleaning up its more than 900 acres of contaminated brownfields, intensifying use of its existing industrial landbase, and preventing industrial landowners from converting their land to other uses.
- 5) Review and restore natural resource policies that were removed or weakened from the January 2013 Draft.

Sincerely,

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